

# State Collection Agency Licensing Board

## Open Session Minutes

<b><u>12.9.2019</u></b>	2:00 p.m.	Maryland Dept. of Labor 500 N. Calvert Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm by	Antonio P. Salazar, Chairman	
Administrator	Devki Dave	
Attendees	<p>Members: Eric Friedman, Steve Hannan, Susan Hayes, and Joanne Young all participated via conference call</p> <p>Counsel: Sandra Small, Esq.</p> <p>Staff: Arlene Williams, Betty Yates</p>	
Acknowledgements	<p>Mr. Salazar acknowledged the meeting notice was published in the Maryland Register on November 22, 2019, and on the Board's website on November 21, 2019, and the Agenda was posted on the Dept. of Labor/Board's website on November 26, 2019.</p>	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		
Mr. Salazar		
Discussion	<p>After reviewing the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting, on a Hayes/Young motion, which was unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes.</p>	
<b>Recognition of Public Comments</b>		
Mr. Salazar		
Discussion	<p>No members of the public were present.</p>	

## 1. Non-Depository Licensing Unit Report

Ms. Yates

Discussion

Ms. Yates advised the Board that each entity's application and supporting materials for licensure had been reviewed and found to have satisfied the licensing qualifications. Ms. Hayes asked about the license for Community Services Group, LLC in light of the discussion of an enforcement action at the last meeting. Mr. Salazar recommended the Board discuss the MOU as scheduled in the closed session per the agenda, and reopen the meeting to vote on the license application. Ms. Yates proceeded to recommend that the Board issue collection agency licenses to the following entities: Accredited Collection Service, Inc, The Great Atlantic Group, LLC, Abrahamsen Gindin LLC, First Works Capital Solutions, LLC, Ceteris Asset Solutions LLC, Pinnacle Law Group of CA, Inc A/K/A Pinnacle law, Lyons, Doughty & Veldhuis PC (branch).

Ms. Yates also informed the Board that there were no Change in Control notices since the last board meeting.

On a Hayes/Hannan motion, which was unanimously approved, the Board voted to issue licenses to all 7 applicants recommended by Ms. Yates.

## 1. Chairman's Statement – Closing the Session

Mr. Salazar

Discussion

Mr. Salazar gave the Chairman's Statement. On a Hannan/Hayes motion, which was unanimously approved, the Board closed the session.

Re-Opened Session

Mr. Salazar

Discussion

Ms. Yates advised the Board that Community Services Group, LLC's application and supporting materials for licensure had been reviewed and found to have satisfied the licensing qualifications. On a Hayes/Young motion, which was unanimously approved, the Board voted to issue a licenses to Community as recommended by Ms. Yates.

On a Hayes/Young motion, which was unanimously approved, the closed session was opened.

Adjournment

On a Friedman/Hannan motion, which was unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.